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Issuance of Multiple Scripts for Schedule II Controlled Substances

The South Dakota Board of Nursing met November 18-19, 2010 and reviewed Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP) and Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) prescriptive scope as defined in South Dakota Codified Law 36-9A.

Pursuant to SDCL 36-9A-12 and 36-9A-13, a nurse practitioner and nurse midwife may prescribe medications, including controlled substances listed on Schedule II in chapter 34-20B, for one period of not more than thirty days. CNPs and CNMs may therefore provide individual patients with multiple prescriptions for the same schedule II controlled substance to be filled sequentially with the combined effect of the multiple prescriptions to allow the patient to receive, over time, up to a 90-day supply of that controlled substance as allowed by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov>).

Each of the multiple prescriptions written must be for no more than a 30-day supply, and it is up to the practitioner to determine how many separate prescriptions to be filled sequentially are needed. For example, the practitioner may issue three 30-day prescriptions to cover a 90-day supply, or may issue nine prescriptions for the same substance, each for a ten-day supply, having the combined effect to allow the patient to receive, over time, up to a 90-day supply of that particular schedule II substance.

Each of the multiple prescriptions written must be in compliance with rules established by the DEA and state law and must contain written instructions indicating the earliest date on which a pharmacy may fill each prescription.